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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT : Summary of [redacted] Recommendations

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1. On 29 October I sent you the final part of a long memorandum prepared at my request by [redacted]  
[redacted]. This memorandum, entitled "Beans and Bean Counters", surveys the problems involved in discharging the Intelligence Community's responsibility for maintaining a valid, current assessment of the size, strength and capabilities of the Warsaw Pact's Theater Forces. That memorandum's final section contains [redacted] overall conclusions and recommendations. These were discussed at a meeting on 31 October attended by the NIO for Conventional Forces, his Assistant and [redacted] of OSR who reflected Mr. Knoche's views. To my surprise, [redacted] rather sweeping recommendations were not disputed at this meeting but, instead, largely endorsed as essential.

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2. Attached is a two-page summary of [redacted] conclusions. I strongly recommend that you read their full exposition set forth in the paper sent to you on 29 October.

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